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Pending Claims

1. (Original) A method of treating a female patient for urinary stress incontinence, comprising:  
per vaginally inserting a bone anchor to enter the posterior wall of the pubic bone, said bone anchor comprising suture thread secured thereto; and, using said suture thread and a sling to treat the incontinence.
2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said suture thread and said sling are used to position the bladder neck of the patient.
3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said suture thread and said sling are used to position the urethra of the patient.
4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said suture thread and said sling are used to position the bladder neck and the urethra of the patient.
5. (Previously presented) A device for securing a suture to a suture attachment site in a patient comprising:  
a body having a suture entrance and a suture exit;  
a motive suture delivery mechanism disposed within said body; and,  
said motive suture delivery mechanism including a sensory feedback element indicative of delivery of said suture to said suture attachment site.
6. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 5, wherein said sensory feedback element is an audible tone.
7. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 6, wherein said audible tone is a changing audible tone.

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8. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 7, wherein said changing audible tone is generated by said motive suture delivery mechanism.

9. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 8 wherein said motive suture delivery mechanism includes a battery powered motor.

10. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 5 wherein the body is sized and shaped to anchor the suture on a posterior portion of a patient's pubic bone.

11. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 5, wherein said sensory feedback element is a visual indicator.

12. (Previously presented) A device for securing a suture to a suture attachment site in a patient comprising:

- a body having a suture entrance and a suture exit;
- a motive suture delivery mechanism disposed within said body;
- said motive suture delivery mechanism including a sensory feedback element indicative of delivery of said suture to said suture attachment site;
- wherein said sensory feedback element is a visual indicator, and
- wherein said visual indicator includes cessation of twisting of said suture.

13. (Previously presented) A method of securing a suture to a suture attachment site in a patient comprising:

- identifying a suture attachment site in said patient;
- directing said suture proximate to said site;
- initiating delivery of said suture to said site;
- awaiting sensory indication of delivery of said suture to said suture attachment site;
- discontinuing said delivery of said suture upon receiving said sensory indication.

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14. (Previously presented) A method as set forth in claim 13, wherein said receiving of said sensory indication includes receiving an audible tone.
15. (Previously presented) A method as set forth in claim 13, wherein said receiving of said sensory indication includes receiving a change in said audible tone.
16. (Previously presented) A method as set forth in claim 13, wherein said receiving of said sensory indication includes observing a visual indicator.
17. (Previously presented) A method of securing a suture to a suture attachment site in a patient comprising:
- identifying a suture attachment site in said patient;
  - directing said suture proximate to said site;
  - initiating delivery of said suture to said site;
  - awaiting sensory indication of delivery of said suture to said suture attachment site;
  - discontinuing said delivery of said suture upon receiving said sensory indication;
  - wherein said receiving of said sensory indication includes observing a visual indicator, and
  - wherein said receiving of said sensory indication includes observing a substantial cessation of suture twisting.
18. (Previously presented) A device for delivering a bone anchor with an associated suture to a patient, the device comprising:
- a body that is sized and shaped to deliver the anchor and associated suture to a posterior portion of a patient's pubic bone through vaginal incision,
  - the device having a suture entrance and a suture exit;
  - a bone anchor delivery mechanism associated with said body; and,

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the device including a sensory feedback element indicative of delivery of said bone anchor with associated suture to the posterior portion of the patient's pubic bone.

19. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 18, wherein the bone anchor includes a bone screw.

20. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 18, wherein said sensory feedback element is an audible tone.

21. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 20, wherein said audible tone is a changing audible tone.

22. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 21, wherein said changing audible tone is generated by said bone anchor delivery mechanism.

23. (Previously presented) A device according to claim 18, wherein said sensory feedback element is a visual indicator.

24. (Previously presented) A device for delivering a bone anchor with an associated suture to a patient, the device comprising:

- a body that is sized and shaped to deliver the anchor and associated suture to a posterior portion of a patient's pubic bone through a vaginal incision,
- the device having a suture entrance and a suture exit;
- a bone anchor delivery mechanism associated with said body;
- the device including a sensory feedback element indicative of delivery of said bone anchor with associated suture to the posterior portion of the patient's pubic bone;
- wherein said sensory feedback element is a visual indicator, and
- wherein said visual indicator includes cessation of twisting of said suture.

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